

~Homegoing Celebration~

Superintendent John David Burrell, Sr.



Earthly Arrival:
October 17, 1930

Eternal Departure:
March 3, 2009

Favorite Scripture:

St. John 9:4

'I must work the works of Him
that sent me while it is day,
when night cometh no man can work.'

Jurisdictional Services

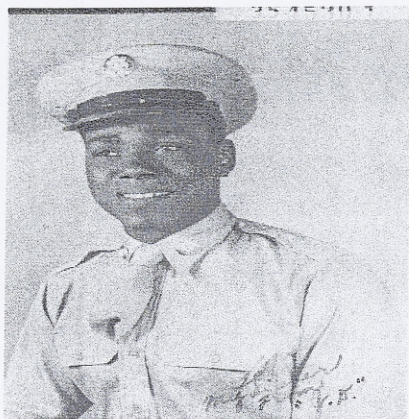
Monday, March 9, 2009 - 11:00a.m.

Perry Temple Church Of God In Christ

3443 Market Street, Oakland, California 94608

Dr. Leonard Jackson - HOST PASTOR

Bishop W.W. Hamilton, Officiating



Biographical Sketch of
SUPERINTENDENT JOHN DAVID BURRELL, SR.
I must work the works....John 9:4

JOHN DAVID BURRELL was born in Wortham, Texas on October 17, 1930, to Matthew and Victoria Burrell. At the age twelve, John moved to Fort Worth, Texas and accepted the Lord at the Stranger's Rest Baptist Church. Then at the age of seventeen, he enlisted into the United States Army, hoping to fulfill this driving force that caused him to be unselfishly concerned about people, where he got side tracked in the field of amateur boxing. He went on to obtain National Professional Status in this field, until the age of twenty when God caused him to journey to Oakland, California.

The leading of the Holy Ghost led him into the ministry of Bishop U.S. King, where he was saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. Within three months, the Lord required more of John, because the Holy Ghost revealed he had a calling on his life, which John accepted. John accepted his calling into the ministry even though he had achieved National Status and recognition as a professional prizefighter. John's commitment to the ministry had so much affect upon people, that his Boxing Manager, Christy Lewis, (the brother of then World Famed Boxing Champion Joe Henry Lewis), accepted Christ and was saved. John met and married Jimmie Kimble and from this union four children were born: Sherry, John Jr., Donald and Marvin Burrell.

Three months later, he received the appointment as the Assistant Pastor of the Lily of the Valley C.O.G.I.C., pastured by the late A.D. Willis and his wife, the late Martha Faye Willis, State Supervisor of California North Central of the Church of God in Christ. John got involved in helping those who were oppressed on the streets. Because of his dedication to the people, John was beaten and jailed many times by the police. (In fact some 50 plus years later, John continued to affect those on the street through his various outreach ministries, such as his witnessing ministry, and his recovery ministry, to those who deserve a second chance.)

Elder Burrell obeyed the leading of the Lord and devoted himself fully to ministry, until the Lord led him in 1958 to found the Upper Room C.O.G.I.C. The Oakland City Dump donated the first 7 chairs for the church over 50 years ago. He continued to reach people who have been considered throw away in today's society. Elder Burrell's commitment to helping those who were unable to help themselves has lead him into areas where most people would not have ventured. For instance, he was involved in demonstrations against discrimination and racism, which was practiced for years at the U.S. Alameda Naval Air Station. As a result of his commitment to lay down his life for others, and not being intimidated by the consequences, he suffered from those who criticized his involvement. As a result of his demonstration involvement, it cost him his job, but it improved the working conditions for thousands of other black employees. He also worked at General Motors, where he continued to fight for injustices. He fought the management for the right to read the Bible during lunch breaks. The victory was won, but Elder Burrell lost his job. Lastly, he worked for Coca Cola and he again continued fighting for injustices and discrimination.

Elder Burrell's first State (Jurisdictional) appointment was that of State President of the Sunday School Department of Northern California, under the late Bishop B.R. Steward. After which, the late E.E. Hamilton appointed him the District Superintendent of the Upper Room District of California Northwest. Lastly, he has served in various National Regional Offices such as The Western States Regional President of the National Elder's Council, which was under the leadership of Elder Baster.

On June 2, 1984, John married the very lovely Katherine Epps and gained a daughter, Karla Robinson.

The Upper Room C.O.G.I.C. continued to flourish and grow. Many lives were changed and touched by his ministry and from that came Pastors, Elders, Missionaries, Teachers and Leaders that have gone on to work with other ministries using the things they were taught by Superintendent John D. Burrell, Sr.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Audrey Macintosh and his brothers Napoleon and Marvin Burrell.

After a prolonged illness, Superintendent John David Burrell, Sr. departed this life on Tuesday, March 3, 2009. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Katherine Burrell; his children, Sherry (Rodney) King, John Burrell, Jr., Donald Burrell (Melody Jones), Marvin Burrell and Karla Robinson; his sisters, Eliza McKinney and Viola Mays; his nephews, Robert, Clifton, Clinton and Edward Burrell; his nieces, Linda and Sherry Burrell; his grandson, LaMar Burrell; his granddaughter, LaTasha Burrell; the Upper Room C.O.G.I.C. Family; the Upper Room District Family; California Northwest State Jurisdiction; a host of other relatives and friends.

Homegoing Celebration
For
Superintendent John D. Burrell, Sr.

Master of Ceremonies.....Administrative Assistant Gerald Harris

Musical Prelude.....Lady Alfreda Lyons-Campbell

The Processional

The Adjutants

The Jurisdictional Bishop

The Superintendents

The Pastors

The Elders

The Ministers

The Family

Prayer of Comfort.....Administrative Assistant Samuel Bobo

Selection.....The John David Burrell Memorial Choir

The Old Testament.....Pastor Samuel Gaskin

The New Testament.....Administrative Assistant John Jennings

Tributes.....Family & Church Family

Selection.....The John David Burrell Memorial Choir

Local, District and Jurisdictional Tributes

Women's Department of California Northwest.....Dr. Mary M. Welch, Supervisor of Women

Chairman of Superintendents.....Superintendent John Jackson

Chairman of Pastors and Elders.....Superintendent Paul Bates

Church Mother of Upper Room.....Mother Marzellia Miller

Assistant District Missionary of Upper Room District.....Missionary Fairy Harris

Song of Encouragement.....Lady Alfreda Lyons-Campbell

Acknowledgements of Telegrams & Condolences.....Missionary Joyce Elliott

The Obituary.....Missionary Pamela Duckett

The District Resolution.....Pastor Marion Harris

**The Jurisdictional Resolution.....Evangelist Carolyn Fryson
Jurisdiction Secretary of C.N.W.**

The Sermonic Selection.....Pastor Tyrone Duckett

**The Eulogy.....Bishop W.W. Hamilton
Prelate of California Northwest &
General Board Member C.O.G.I.C.**

The Parting View.....Fouche's Hudson Funeral Home Staff

Recessional

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Roland Alsup

Jerome Neal

Charles Stimson

Omar Speight

Earl Pecot

Stanley Addison

Wilbert Lee

Curtis Payne

Nathan Payne

Tiquan Payne

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

John Burrell, Jr.

Donald Burrell

Robert Epps

Marvin Burrell

Clarence Epps

Rodney King

INTERMENT

Sunset View Cemetery
101 Colusa Avenue
El Cerrito, California 94530

TRANSPORTATION

Bauers Limousines/Buses
San Francisco, California
1-800-LIMO-OUT

REPASS

Perry Temple Fellowship Hall
Catered by Mitzie Peters
Formerly of Southern Café, Oakland, CA
(510) 228-8997

PROGRAM

Lady Alfreda Lyons-Campbell
Oakland, California
(510) 485-6903

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

On behalf of the Burrell Family, we wish to express our gratitude for your kindness, As evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at this service. Keep us in your prayers in the days and months ahead.